

Spark Gap

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25th Anniversary Event -W9M



W9M

*** SPECIAL EVENT STATION ***

9 May 2009 from 1400 to 0200 (UTC)

Thanks to a very active HF effort, the Mid-State ARC now has 689 new friends. Despite a low sun cycle, our efforts to run

a Special Event station May 9, 2009 proved very successful. Seven club members and a couple local hams helped wade through the pile ups from east coast hams and Europe during the 12 hour special event. This one-day exercise helped commemorate the 25th Anniversary of MARC.

Operating as Special Event Station W9M, Steve Carmean-K9DY handled most of the 80-meter contacts. Jack-W8ISH and Chris-KG6ZIJ took turns working the 40-meter SSB. Brenda-KC9EBL, Jacki-KI6QOG and Dave KB9LOT got writer's cramp trying to keep up with all the different call signs. Each contact was permanently recorded on laptop computers and printed out for QSL card information.

Only a handful of contacts were made on 2-meter simplex and on 17 meter SSB. Dave Craig-N9QBO and Jay Hilderbrand-KB9ZYC came up from Shelbyville to help log contacts during the afternoon session.

Three days after the event Steve-K9DY had to clean out the club mailbox to make room for more QSL card requests. Jack used the club's 25th Anniversary logo as a basis to create the W9M commemorative cards. Each club member will get one of the

special QSL cards after we have filled all the contact requests.

Our thanks to Mike Koss-W9SU for the use of his super amateur radio station on north Gale Street. It was fun running first class transceivers at 1500 watts into beams at 150 feet.

The next challenge is Field Day '09. We will be running barefoot at 100 watts on HF. Maybe the sun god will smile on us and deliver some great sunspots so we can make Field Day a truly special event too.

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June Activities

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June is busting out all over. Get ready for an active month of Amateur Radio activities.

June 13 MARC will set up an emergency operation for the White River Township Fire Department's annual Strawberry Festival. The festival runs Friday June 12 pull up stakes sometime in the early evening.

Steve K9DY and Chris KG6ZIJ are providing the HF gear. Come hang out for a few hours and enjoy the great food and ham radio. Bring your HT and a folding chair. We will set up near the front of Mt. Pleasant Elementary School. That is located at Morgantown Rd and Fairview Road. Linda-KC9GCH is bringing a couple of tables and banners. This is a great opportunity to talk ham radio and thank the fire department for giving us the repeater space and tower space for the repeater antenna.

MARC Club is Saturday June 20th. Meeting begins at 8am with VE testing to follow. We will finalize plans for the upcoming Field Day. June 27th is Field Day. Bob-KC9NJM is heading up the committee. We plan to set up and operate from Independence Park just north of Center Grove HS. More details at the June meeting.

73, Jack W8ISH, Club Prez

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Special Event

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Class Update

I am getting requests for another Technician level amateur radio class. Let's plan on having a class in September beginning the week after Labor Day. If you know of anyone wishing to take a class, please have them contact me at 317-887-2558 or at PIO@midstatehams.org.

Class size is limited to 14 students so registration will close when all 14 spaces are filled. We will again be purchasing textbooks in late August so anyone needing a book that has preregistered will be able to get a textbook from us just prior to the class. So spread the word.

Class location has not been confirmed but we will once again try to obtain the training room located in the White River Township Fire Department located at State Road 135 and Olive Branch Road.

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VEC Testing

Our Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) team is ARRL accredited, and capable of administering any amateur radio test. As a public service, the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club sponsors test sessions after all but one of its monthly meetings. (September testing is done prior to the picnic.) Meetings begin at 8:00 AM with testing following the meeting (begins about 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM). We would love to have you join us for the meeting. Please check out our website at www.midstatehams.org for directions. ■

Hamfest/Event Info

The **17th Annual White River Township Fire Department Strawberry Festival** will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Pleasant Grove Elementary School, 5199 West Fairview Road, Greenwood, IN from 10 AM to 10:30 PM. MARC will have a tent and display set up to support the fire department. Let Jack W8ISH know if you can attend and help out. There is always great food, ice cream and of course, strawberries at the event. You don't want to miss it.

ARRL's Field Day event is scheduled for Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28, 2009. MARC will be holding a club event on Saturday June 27th from Noon to Dusk at Independence Park in Johnson County, Indiana.

The park is located at 2100 Morgantown Road just north of Stone Crossing Road in White River Township.

The event location is at the REMC shelter house (located on the map in the top right hand corner). More information will be available at the next MARC meeting. ■

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**WA9RDF
Repeater
146.835/
146.235 MHz
151.4 Hz PL
Tone**

**Weekly Net
Every Sunday
at 7PM ET**

***Tune in to hear
the ARRL
Newsline!***

*The Mid-State
Amateur Radio Club
sponsors a weekly
traffic and social net
on our repeater. The
net begins at 7:00
p.m. local time, and
features local news,
announcements, and
NTS traffic, as well as
rebroadcasts of
Amateur Radio
Newsline. This is a
great chance to
meet other local
amateur radio
operators and test
your operating
skills.*

K9DY and W8ISH at
Columbus. Photo by
Mrs. K9DY.

2009 Schedule of Events

JUNE 2009

6-7 Indianapolis Air Show

Contact Mike Palmer N9FEB at www.indyham.org for details

12-13 White River Township Strawberry Festival

Pleasant Grove Elementary School; 5199 West Fairview Road, Greenwood (Just east of State Road 37 on Fairview)

13 Tour-de-Cure Race, Indianapolis, IN

Contact Mike Palmer N9FEB at www.indyham.org for details

14 Flag Day

20 MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN

Located at the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN. VEC Testing after the meeting (approx. 9:30 am to 11:00 am)

21 Father's Day

27-28 Field Day

MARC will be at Independence Park, Greenwood, IN on Saturday, June 27th
REMC Shelter house

JULY 2009

4 Independence Day

11 39th Annual Indianapolis Hamfest

Camp Sertoma, US52 and German Church Road, Indianapolis, IN

18 MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN

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AUGUST 2009

15 MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN

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The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the **THIRD SATURDAY** of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.



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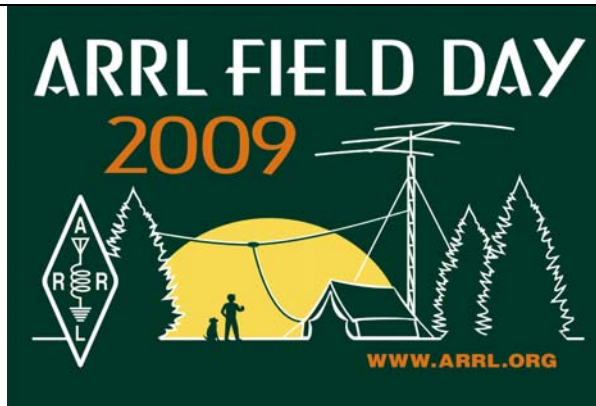
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